

Quota Hunts - Deer
All refuge quota hunts require an application. See section “How to Apply.” All deer killed on the refuge must be checked at the nearest check station. Make sure Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge is noted as “location of kill or kill code 152.”

Deer taken during refuge youth hunt, primitive weapons hunt, and quota hunt **are not counted** in regular season bag and possession limits.

Scouting during quota hunts, youth hunt and primitive weapons hunt is prohibited.

If drawn, hunters must have on their person a quota hunt permit in addition to the Annual Hunt Permit and a valid State license.

Earn-a-Buck
One antlerless deer must be taken before harvesting an antlered deer. This requirement is only applicable for the two firearms quota hunts.

How to Apply for Quota Hunts:
Online Applications
You can now apply for quota hunts online at <http://www.fws.gov/TennesseeRefuge>. Online applications are the quickest and easiest way to apply and provide you with a confirmation number for your records once your application is complete. If at all possible, complete an online application. Deadline to apply is midnight on August 1st.

Paper Applications
If needed, you can also download a quota hunt application form at our web site or by calling the refuge office at 731/642 2091. If you choose to submit a paper application, it must be received, not postmarked by August 1, 2013. Please mail completed applications to Tennessee NWR, c/o Kinsail Corporation, P.O. Box 7087, Arlington, VA 22207. Be sure to clearly and accurately complete all the information on the application form as incomplete or illegible applications will be discarded. Online applications are strongly encouraged to ensure that applications are received in a timely and complete manner.

Please note, submissions of any person’s name more than once for the same hunt type will result in disqualification.

Group Applications:
Up to five hunters may apply as a hunt party. If you are applying online, you will be able to enter the other members of your group during the online application process. You will only need to enter your hunt selections once during the process, but you will need the name and address information for the

other hunters in your group. Any online applications that are received separately will be treated as separate groups. If you are applying by paper application form, you will need to complete a separate application form for each hunter in your group and submit them all together to the address listed above. Only complete the hunt selections on one application. Any paper applications that are received separately will be treated as separate groups.

Preference Points
Hunters will now have the opportunity to gain preference points in the draw. Each time you apply and are not drawn for a permit you will receive one preference point. Groups of individuals with the highest average preference points will be drawn first, groups and individuals with the next highest will be drawn second, etc. until all permits are filled. After you are drawn for a quota hunt permit, your preference points equal zero. The preference points for a hunt party will be determined by taking an average of all the hunters in the party. **When applying, hunters will need to use the same name as it appears on their driver’s license. To recognize your preference point, you will need to apply with your name exactly the same way it was entered in previous years. If your official name changes, please contact the refuge office.**

Drawing Notification
The drawing will be held after August 1st and notifications will be sent out on August 6th. If you applied by paper application, your notification complete with a confirmation number will be mailed to you. If you applied online, your notification will be sent by e-mail. If you do not receive your notification e-mail, be sure to check your spam folder. If you applied online, you can also check your status and download your permit on the refuge website at www.fws.gov/TennesseeRefuge. You will need your confirmation number and your email address submitted for the application. If you do not receive notification on the drawing or cannot check it on the refuge website, please contact Kinsail Corporation at 703/994 4194 or by email at service@kinsail.com.

September Resident Canada Goose
See separate hunt regulations handout available at refuge headquarters and information kiosks on the refuge.

Hunt area location	Hunt area number	Permits available (per quota hunt)
Sulphur Wells/ Britton Ford	1	25
Big Sandy Peninsula	2	100
Duck River Bottoms	3	75
Duck River Remainder	4	100
Busseltown	5	25

Type	Season dates	Bag limit	Refuge specific regulations
Squirrel	Statewide Season - November 14. Season closed during the weekend quota hunts, refuge youth hunt, and primitive weapons hunt	State bag limits apply.	Dogs are permitted.
Resident Canada goose	September 1; coincides with state season. Closed the day before the start of early wood duck/teal season.	State bag limits apply.	Resident Canada Goose hunt is non-quota. See separate hunt regulations handout available at the refuge headquarters.
Deer/Turkey (archery only)	Statewide Season - November 14. Season closed during the weekend quota deer hunts, refuge youth hunt, primitive weapons hunt and statewide youth hunt.	Three deer, only one can be antlered. Turkey and deer taken are counted as part of the statewide bag limit.	State tagging requirements apply. Make sure that Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge is noted as “ location of kill or kill code 152 ”. Scouting during quota hunts, primitive weapons and youth hunt is prohibited.
Primitive Weapons	October 12 -13	Three deer, only one can be antlered. Deer taken are bonus deer.	Hunt limited to Long Bow, Recurve Bow and Side-hammered muzzleloader with iron sites only. State tagging requirements apply. Make sure that Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge is noted as “ location of kill or kill code 152 ”.
Deer - Quota Hunt (gun/archery/muzzleloader)	October 25 - 27 November 8 - 10	Three deer, only one can be antlered. One antlerless deer must be taken before harvesting an antlered deer. Deer taken are bonus deer.	Quota hunt permit required. State tagging requirements apply. Make sure that Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge is noted as “ location of kill or kill code 152 ”.
Youth Deer (gun/archery/muzzleloader)	October 5 -6	Three deer, only one can be antlered. Deer taken are bonus deer.	A Refuge Annual Hunt Permit is not required for a youth hunter, but it is required for the supervising adult.
Raccoon	September 20 - October 3 October 7 - 10, 14 - 24 October 28 - November 7	State bag limits apply.	Dogs are permitted. Hunting begins at sunset on first day of each hunt and ends at sunrise on last day of each hunt.
Spring Turkey	Spring turkey season open during statewide season.	State bag limits apply. Turkeys taken are counted as part of the statewide bag limit.	State tagging requirements apply. Make sure that Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge is noted as “ location of kill or kill code 152 ”. Calling or attempting to call turkeys on the refuge is prohibited from March 1 until the opening of turkey season.

The Refuge

The Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 555 national wildlife refuges across the county. A primary objective of a national wildlife refuge is to provide habitat for the management and protection of all species of wildlife. Hunting is one tool used to manage wildlife populations.

General Hunting Regulations

The refuge is open to hunting during specific refuge seasons for the following species only: squirrel, raccoon, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and Canada goose. Beaver and coyote may be taken on a scheduled hunt for other species with any weapon legal for that hunt. No taking of turtles, crawfish or bullfrogs on refuge. Hunting is permitted on various portions of Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge with the exception of those areas marked “Closed” on the map or by “Closed Area” signs on refuge lands or waters. Applicable Federal and State law and regulations apply.

- Only legally licensed vehicles are allowed on the Refuge. Vehicles must remain on Refuge roads that are shown on map and designated as open. Parking must not impede the flow of traffic or block gates. ATV and golf cart use on the Refuge is prohibited.
- It is unlawful to hunt within 100 yards of a private dwelling, and to access the refuge across private land without permission from the private landowner. Shooting across any road is prohibited.
- Except for raccoon hunting, access to the Refuge is allowed two hours before legal sunrise until two hours after legal sunset.
- Carrying, possessing, or discharging fireworks, or explosives on a national wildlife refuge is prohibited. Firearms are permitted in accordance with state law. Weapons legally possessed for hunting are the same as those prescribed by the state of Tennessee.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
- Camping and campfires on the refuge are prohibited.
- Horses and mules are prohibited on all refuge hunts.
- Dogs are allowed for small game hunting and retrieval of geese during the early goose season. All dogs must be restrained by chain or leash if not being legally used for hunting. Dog owners/handlers must have a collar on each dog with the owners name, and address/or telephone number.

- Temporary blinds or stands permitted on the day of the hunt only. All blinds and stands must be removed at the end of each day’s hunt.
- It is unlawful to mark any tree or other feature with paint or similar substance. Please remove all flagging tape and other marking material upon leaving the Refuge.
- All hunters born after January 1, 1969, must have completed a hunter safety course as demonstrated by card or certificate.
- Hunters must wear on the upper portion of their body and head a minimum of 500 square inches of fluorescent orange during all refuge quota, youth hunt, and primitive weapons hunt.
- Field dressing deer within 50 yards of a public road or trail is prohibited.
- Boats cannot be left on the refuge overnight.
- It is illegal to cut corn stalks, trees or other vegetation on the refuge.
- Hunting within 50 yards of a public road is prohibited.

Permits

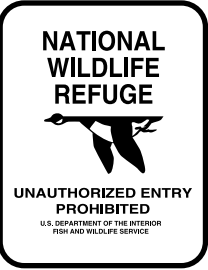
Each quota or non-quota hunter, age 17 and older, must have on his person a valid State hunting license AND a Refuge Annual Hunting Permit. There is a \$15.00 fee for this permit which is valid for all quota and non-quota hunting. If you have been drawn for a quota hunt and already have your Refuge Annual Hunting Permit, there is no additional permit fee. The permit fee is non- refundable and the permit is non-transferable. The permit is valid on both Cross Creeks and Tennessee National Wildlife Refuges. **Refuge Annual Hunting Permits may now be obtained from licensing agents through TWRA such as county clerks, area sporting good stores, hardware stores and interested merchants. Please use code 064 when purchasing a refuge permit through a TWRA licensing agent.**

Youth Hunters

Hunters age of 6 through 16 must be accompanied by an adult 21 years old or older who has a refuge hunting permit on his person. The adult must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the youth supervised. For small game hunts, the adult may supervise no more than two youths. For big game hunts, the adult may supervise no more than one youth.

Please respect the following signs

Millions of people visit national wildlife refuges each year. The impact of human activity, if not regulated, can degrade these wild lands. Signs help control recreational activities and respect private property while protecting natural resources on the refuge.



This sign and yellow paint clearly marks all refuge property. **It is your responsibility to know where the property lines are and hunt within the boundaries.**



This area is closed to all entry. No entering, hunting or sightseeing is permitted. No roads or trails beyond this sign are open to the public. Some of these signs may have dates indicating the length of time the area is closed.



This area is closed to **all** vehicles, and horseback riding. Entry is only permitted by foot or bicycle.



This sign marks areas closed to all hunting.

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3006 Dinkins Lane
Paris, TN 38242
731/642 2091
<http://www.fws.gov/tennesseerefuge>

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Tennessee

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2013-2014



- No antlerless only hunt this year.
- Fall turkey hunt is statewide season through November 14.
- Hunters age 6-16 are considered youth hunters. Hunters age 17 and up are considered adult hunters.
- Extra raccoon hunts have been added.
- The Refuge Annual Hunt Permit may be purchased only through TWRA licensing agents **using code 064.**
- When checking deer or turkey taken on the refuge, **use kill code 152.**

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